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SUBJECT: MGRW02: BRIEFING OF DONORS ON RWANDA EMERGENCY

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1. SUMMARY: ON JULY 24 USG OFFICIALS BRIEFED REPRESENTATIVES FROM 28 EMBASSIES ON THE CURRENT RWANDAN EMERGENCY, WHAT THE USG IS DOING IN RESPONSE TO THE UNHCR-LED EFFORT, DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO FACILITATE THE RETURN OF REFUGEES, AND THE CURRENT STATUS OF EFFORTS TO DEPLOY ADDITIONAL UNAMIR TROOPS. A NUMBER OF DONORS RESPONDED WITH INFORMATION REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE RWANDA MONITORING GROUP INVITED AMBASSADORS FROM OVER 30 EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON ON SHORT NOTICE TO ATTEND A SUNDAY, JULY 24 MEETING AT THE DEPARTMENT TO BE BRIEFED ON THE RWANDAN EMERGENCY. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS TO UNDERSCORE THE URGENCY OF THE NEEDS AND TO CALL UPON DONORS TO CONTRIBUTE, IN PARTICULAR, TO UNHCR'S APPEAL FOR "SERVICE PACKAGES" AND TO UNAMIR DEPLOYMENT. THOSE INVITED WERE FROM THE COUNTRIES TO WHICH PRESIDENT CLINTON'S LETTER (REFTEL) WAS SENT AND FROM COUNTRIES JUDGED LIKELY TO BE IN A POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE. THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S LETTER WAS DISTRIBUTED.

3. USAID ADMINISTRATOR AND PRESIDENT'S COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL DISASTERS J. BRIAN ATWOOD OPENED THE MEETING BY STRESSING THE URGENT NATURE OF THE RWANDAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AND NOTING PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE DECISION TO INVOLVE THE US MILITARY.

4. AFRICA BUREAU ASSISTANT SECRETARY GEORGE MOOSE OUTLINED THREE PURPOSES FOR THE MEETING--TO INFORM THE EMBASSIES OF THE USG RESPONSE TO THE UNHCR-LED EFFORT, TO OUTLINE WHAT THE USG IS DOING DIPLOMATICALLY TO TRY TO FACILITATE RETURN OF REFUGEES TO RWANDA, AND TO DELINEATE THE CURRENT STATUS OF EFFORTS TO DEPLOY ADDITIONAL UNAMIR TROOPS. MOOSE NOTED THAT THE USG IS MAINTAINING CONTACTS WITH THE RPF AND THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH NEW PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU YESTERDAY. BIZIMUNGU HAS STATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE UN AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THE RETURN OF REFUGEES. FORMER US AMBASSADOR TO RWANDA

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DAVID RAWSON HAS NOW RETURNED TO KIGALI AS A SPECIAL ENVOY TO ESTABLISH AN ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT. USG CONTACTS WITH THE RPF HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING TO DATE, WITH THE RPF AGREEING TO JOINT PATROLS WITH UNAMIR FORCES.

5. PHYLLIS OAKLEY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY DESIGNATE FOR THE BUREAU OF POPULATION, REFUGEES, AND MIGRATION UNDERSCORED THAT UNHCR IS THE LEAD AGENCY IN THE PROVISION OF RELIEF TO RWANDAN REFUGEES AND OUTLINED THE EIGHT "SERVICE PACKAGES" REQUESTED BY UNHCR: (1.

AIRPORT SERVICES; 2. LOGISTICS BASE SERVICES; 3. ROAD SERVICING AND ROAD SECURITY; 4. SITE PREPARATION; 5. PROVISION OF DOMESTIC FUEL; 6. SANITATION FACILITIES; 7. UNCLASSIFIED WATER MANAGEMENT; AND 8. MANAGEMENT OF AN ENTEBBE AIRHEAD). UNHCR'S JULY 19 LETTER TO DONORS WITH THE DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGES WAS DISTRIBUTED TO EMBASSY REPS. THE USG HAS AGREED TO TAKE THE LEAD ON AIRPORT SERVICES, LOGISTICS BASE SERVICES, WATER MANAGEMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE AIRHEAD IN ENTEBBE. OAKLEY STATED THAT WE WOULD BE WORKING WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ON THE WATER MANAGEMENT PACKAGE, AND NOTED HIGH COMMISSIONER OGATA'S CONCERN THAT OTHER DONORS HAD NOT YET STEPPED FORWARD TO TAKE ON INDIVIDUAL PACKAGES. OAKLEY SUGGESTED THAT IF OTHER DONORS WERE NOT PREPARED TO TAKE ON A COMPLETE PACKAGE, PERHAPS TWO OR THREE COUNTRIES COULD WORK TOGETHER ON ONE PACKAGE AND COORDINATE WITH UNHCR. IN CONCLUSION, OAKLEY MADE A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS TO ALL COUNTRIES' NGOS WHO ARE OPERATING IN THE FIELD.

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6. IO PDAS GEORGE WARD PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON UNAMIR'S STATUS AND UNDERScoreD THE NEED TO BUILD UP UNAMIR IN ORDER FOR IT TO MEET ITS OBJECTIVES. CURRENTLY THERE ARE ONLY 578 TROOPS IN KIGALI VERSUS THE 5,500 AUTHORIZED. ACCORDING TO LATEST UN ESTIMATES ONLY 2-2,500 ADDITIONAL TROOPS WILL BE FIELDed BY MID AUGUST AT CURRENT RATES. WARD MADE A PITCH FOR DONORS TO ADOPT INDIVIDUAL AFRICAN BATTALIONS AND TO PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES. IF A DONOR COULD NOT PROVIDE ALL NEEDS FOR A BATTALION THEN SMALLER CONTRIBUTIONS OF EQUIPMENT OR SUPPORT SERVICES WOULD BE WELCOME. COORDINATION WITH UN DEPARTMENT OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN NEW YORK IS ESSENTIAL.

7. COLONEL GARNER FROM JCS J-3 PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF USG MILITARY SUPPORT, NOTING THE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF AIRLIFTS PROVIDED PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO BEEF UP RELIEF EFFORTS. GARNER AGAIN UNDERScoreD THAT ALL EFFORTS TO PROVIDE WATER, FOOD AND MEDICINE WERE BEING COORDINATED WITH UNHCR. THE FIRST AIRDROP OF BULK FOOD COMMENCED 7/24 NORTH OF GOMA. 5 ARMY SHIPS WITH PREPOSITION EQUIPMENT WILL BE MOVED TO MOMBASA, KENYA WITH WATER PURIFICATION EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS OTHER EMERGENCY SUPPLIES. 1400 TROOPS WILL BE STATIONED AT GOMA/BUKAVU AND 2400 AT ENTEBBE TO RUN THE AIRHEAD.

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8. OTHER DONOR COMMENTS: THE NETHERLANDS REP NOTED HIS GOVERNMENT'S OFFER OF A FOKKER F-37, 50-4MT TRUCKS, 25 LANDROVERS, 15 GENERATORS, AND 10 KITCHEN WAGONS ALONG

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WITH TRAINING FOR DRIVERS. HE SAID THE DUTCH MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT HAD ANNOUNCED A 10 MILLION DUTCH GUILDERS CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN. THE CANADIAN REP NOTED AN ADDITIONAL DOLS 10 MILLION (WE ASSUME CANADIAN) FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (BRINGING GOC CONTRIBUTIONS TO 22 MILLION) FUNNELLED THROUGH NGOS, UNHCR AND OTHER UN AGENCIES. THE GOC IS ALSO CONSIDERING ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNHCR. THE ITALIAN REP NOTED A USD 10 MILLION CONTRIBUTION AS WELL AS AIRLIFT FLIGHTS FROM PISA TO GOMA AND TO TANZANIA WITH MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND FOOD. THE AUSTRALIAN REP INQUIRED WHETHER THE UNAMIR CONFIGURATION COULD NOT BE DIFFERENT GIVEN CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES.

9. COMMENT. THERE WERE RELATIVELY FEW COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE GROUP. WE THINK THE FORMAT WAS USEFUL IN UNDERSCORING THE URGENCY OF NEEDS AND KNOW THAT A NUMBER OF EMBASSIES HAD CABLED THEIR CAPITALS FOR INSTRUCTIONS. END COMMENT.

10. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING EMBASSIES ATTENDED: ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, FINLAND, FRANCE, EGYPT, GERMANY, GREECE, HUNGARY, ICELAND, IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN, KOREA, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, RUSSIA, SINGAPORE, SLOVAKIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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11. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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